

Claims

What is claimed is:

1. In an Internet use environment, wherein the Internet is accessed and used by a user for one or more client matters, a professional time tracking and recouping system for tracking usage time and for creating reports based on the usage time, the system comprising:

a tracker for tracking the usage time by the user in one Internet session, wherein the functionality of the tracker is automatically launched upon a success logon by the user;

a processor for processing the usage time; and

a report generator for generating one or more reports based on the processed usage time.

2. The system of claim 1 further comprising a module for creating Internet access history ledger.

3. The system of claim 1 further comprising a logon module for authenticating the user identification.

4. The system of claim 1, wherein the reports are based on one or more pre-determined parameters.

5. The system of claim 1, wherein the reports are sorted by the client matters.

5 6. The system of claim 1, wherein the reports are sorted by the user identification.

7. The system of claim 1, further comprising a transmitter for electronically transmitting the reports to the client.

8. The system of claim 1, further comprising a printer for printing the reports to be subsequently transmitted to the client.

9. The system of claim 1, wherein the system functionality resides on a personal computer of the user.

10. The system of claim 1, wherein the system functionality resides on a network server to be accessed by the user.

11. The system of claim 1, wherein the system functionality is realized by software means.

5 12. The system of claim 1, wherein the usage time is based on a plurality of Internet sessions.

13. The system of claim 1, further comprising an analyzer for analyzing the usage time.

14. The system of claim 13, wherein the analyzer further determines if the Internet is used effectively.

15 15. In an Internet use environment, wherein the Internet is accessed by a user for one or more client matters, a professional time tracking and recouping method for tracking usage time and for creating reports based on the usage time, the method comprising:

receiving a logon request from the user;

20 ~~authenticating the user login ID and password;~~

launching a time tracking function upon a successful user
logon;

recording the usage time associated with each URL visited
by the user; and

5 processing the usage time data to create one or more
reports, wherein the reports are formatted in accordance with
predetermined parameters.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein the usage time data is
based on a single Internet session.

17. The method of claim 15, wherein the usage time data is
based on repeated for a plurality of Internet sessions.

18. The method of claim 15, further comprising generating
an invoice, based on the usage time data, to be transmitted to
the client.

19. The method of claim 18, wherein the invoice is
20 electronically transmitted to the client.

20. The method of claim 18, wherein the invoice is printed via a printer and subsequently transmitted to the client.

21. The method of claim 15, further comprising sorting the reports by the client matter.

22. The method of claim 15, further comprising sorting the reports by the user identification.

23. The method of claim 15, further comprising analyzing the usage time data to determine if the Internet is used effectively.